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## City Council and GEAC Honor Sheldon Goldberg, Discuss Issues

by Barbara Hopkins

At a worksession with the Greenbelt East Advisory Committee (GEAC) on March 5, the Greenbelt City Council and GEAC members honored and thanked Sheldon Goldberg of Windsor Green for his many years of service to the committee. Mayor Judith Davis presented Goldberg with a plaque of appreciation for over 20 years of service to GEAC, to the city and to the Greenbelt East community.

Goldberg said he had been chair of GEAC for “too long” and now carries the new title of chair emeritus. He was attending the meeting as alternate representative for Windsor Green. He added that he “is not going anywhere” and will remain involved.

A summary of other topics of general interest on the agenda that evening follows.

### Code Enforcement

GEAC sent a list of houses of neighborhood concern to the city to see if any violations would fall under the city’s jurisdiction. Goldberg said his homeowners’

association asked city code enforcement to look into 654 designated needed repairs. He said inspectors had investigated and the list is now down to about 50.

GEAC members also had concerns about parking issues. People are parking too close to the dividers near roundabout entrances, making it hard for large vehicles such as trucks and buses to get around them.

Blowing trash and trash receptacles left out too long were issues that GEAC had taken up with the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, which recommended more education of residents on the topics.

Members of GEAC were troubled by the illegal distribution of flyers where it has been posted they should not be left. GEAC members were instructed to put the receiver’s name and address and the date on the flyer and deliver it to the city office; staff would then contact the company to inform them of the violation. Financial penalties for such il-

legal distribution exist and increase substantially with repeated offenses.

During discussion of the use of Schrom Hills fields by soccer teams during the summer months, City Manager Michael McLaughlin said the city will make it a high priority for city park rangers to monitor this situation in the coming season. McLaughlin noted that a permit is required for use of the fields. He suggested that after business hours residents suspecting illegal use of the fields may call the non-emergency number for the police department to make a report.

### Newspaper Boxes

Davis said major newspaper publishers have signed the city’s agreement on use of vending boxes inside city limits. A matrix of approved locations for the boxes in Greenbelt East will be forwarded to the members of GEAC. If a new box appears that is not on the matrix, members were asked to inform the

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## Congregation Holds Gala Feting Rabbi Cohen’s 10th Anniversary

by Paula Clinedinst

Technical writing’s loss was Judaism’s gain,” said Cantor Phil Greenfield, emcee of Saturday night’s gala honoring Rabbi Jonathan Cohen and his 10 years of service to Mishkan Torah Synagogue. Referring to the profession Cohen had prior to becoming a rabbi – which happened when he was 48 – Greenfield described Cohen’s mid-life crisis as a gain for the Mishkan Torah congregation. There was no doubt the roughly 150 people in attendance that night would agree.

“In Rabbi Cohen we have found a rabbi willing to share more than intellect,” said Greenfield. Cohen also brings wit, an earthy laugh and a strong ethical sense to the Mishkan Torah family.

As a technical writer Cohen taught engineers how to write reports and, in addition, was a freelance translator from French to English. At that time he became active in a synagogue in Montreal and discovered Robert Bly’s Iron John: A Book About Men. Drawn to the book’s message he started teaching study groups on how the stories of the past are of great importance to modern people. So was resolved the mid-life crisis.



**Rabbi Cohen receives a gift presented by Linda Spevack on behalf of the Mishkan Torah congregation. — photo by Melanie Fishkind**

Cohen hails from Montreal, Canada, and was brand new to the rabbinical world when he came to Greenbelt 10 years ago. Although he was 48 years old, married and a father, he was a baby rabbi, having just graduated from the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College (RRC) near Philadelphia. Reconstructionist teachings use the approach of bringing ancient wisdom into the contemporary world.

“We try to keep it real,” says Cohen, “because when theory and the actuality of life don’t jibe, maybe you need to bend the theory to meet the facts at least halfway.”

Cohen has been described as a retail rabbi, not a wholesale rabbi, meaning that he works one-on-one with people not necessarily by getting a message out to the whole world. “Sometimes you just need to be there for someone,” he says.

When faced with the question, “Why do bad things happen to good people?” Cohen believes there really is not a “one size fits all meaning,” but that what we can do is to derive a lesson learned, a meaning or an interpretation from the experience. In fact, being there to help a person in crisis is when Cohen feels he is actually doing some good in the world.

RRC helps place its graduates in synagogues and Cohen was looking for something either in Chicago or the Baltimore/Washington area. After sending his resume to Mishkan Torah, he was

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## Women's History Month

## Amy Hansen Works Explore The Pleasures of Science

by Paula Clinedinst

The City of Greenbelt has many unsung heroes. In its 70 years Greenbelt has remained a self-supporting network of many people doing many things to make this a great place to live. Amy Hansen is one of these people.

In addition to being a published author, Hansen is a wife and mother. She helped start the New Deal Café, has been PTA president at Greenbelt Elementary School (GES), runs informal educational projects in and out of the schools and is taking steps to maintain a “greener” household. She gets inspired by service, she says – by people contributing to the causes and organizations they support – and perhaps is unaware that she, herself, is inspiring.



**Amy Hansen**

“Be humble for you are made of earth; be noble for you are made of stars.” This Serbian proverb, a credo for Hansen and her family, is found on a plaque hanging in their home. In an effort to live as “green” and efficient as possible, they have solar panels on the roof,

a solar cooker in the kitchen and four solar tubes that function like skylights.

In the month of June, the family tries to have an electric budget that is based on what can be produced in their own system. Says Hansen, “I’m constantly looking for what can be turned on or off. You’d be amazed at how fast the solar cooker really cooks.”

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## GHI and Members Consider Energy Purchasing Club

by Mary Moien

Greenbelt Homes Inc., (GHI) and the Baltimore Washington Corridor Chamber of Commerce (BWCCC) sponsored a meeting on March 4 to discuss the possibility of GHI members joining what was advertised as a “Residential Energy Purchasing Cooperative.” The plan discussed involved purchasing electricity in bulk through providers identified by CQI Associates, an energy and management consulting firm. GHI is currently purchasing electricity through this process for its commercial buildings. The plan is now being expanded to residential homes affiliated with the BWCCC.

More than 100 residents crowded a meeting room to discuss their high electric bills and the possibility of obtaining a reduction in the rates.

Richard Anderson, CEO of

CQI, described the fundamentals of energy deregulation and how it has affected residential electric rates. He indicated that by coming together and purchasing energy in bulk, residents could save the equivalent of one summer month of an electric bill. GHI General Manager Gretchen Overdurff indicated that it was approximately what the GHI commercial buildings are saving.

Anderson stated that his aim is to get GHI residents the lowest rates possible. Some members indicated that they would be willing to pay more to obtain more environmentally-friendly (green/wind) energy. He indicated that that was possible but the rates would be slightly higher. The wind energy option appealed to many who were present.

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## What Goes On

### Saturday, March 14

**9 a.m. to noon**, Donation Drop-off, City Parking Lot between Municipal Building and Community Center

**1 p.m.**, Greenbelt Community Forum, Landscaping with Water Quality in Mind

### Monday, March 16

**7:30 p.m.**, Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability (GreenACES) Meeting, Community Center, Room 114

### Wednesdays, March 18 & 25

**7:30 p.m.**, Park and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting, Community Center



# Letters to the Editor

## San Francisco, Not State of California

Bay Woods’ front page story in the March 5, 2009, issue contains two unfortunate but non-trivial errors.

“Sylvestri pointed out, however, that though 2005 was the first year California used Choice Voting . . . .”

The state of California has never used Choice Voting (or any kind of preferential or proportional voting). Mr. Sylvestri was referring to a report by FairVote that focused on San Francisco municipal elections, not California state elections. Also, San Francisco did not use Choice Voting. If I’m not mistaken, Sylvestri cited the FairVote report that indicates San Francisco used what is called Instant Run-off Voting or IRV. As the article correctly indicates, IRV applies only to single-seat contests and therefore not to Greenbelt’s council contest.

The two articles by Bay Woods were otherwise spot-on. Excellent writing.

Andy Carruthers

## THANKS!

The American Red Cross and the Greenbelt Recreation Department thank all those who contributed blood on March 6 at the Community Center. The blood that was collected will help alleviate the critical blood shortage that the Red Cross is experiencing in this area.

Thanks also to the volunteers who helped during the blood drive.

As usual Red Cross personnel provided their courteous and professional services which contributed to the success of the blood drive.

The next blood drive will be held on Friday, May 1.

Janet Goldberg  
Recreation Coordinator



## Choice Voting

In the last city election a losing candidate captured 53 percent of the vote. If the candidate had been an African American, Greenbelt might well have been in violation of the Voting Rights Act. Of course, needing 53 percent would be discouraging to any minority candidate and it should be changed. Shouldn’t 20 percent of our electorate, voting together, be able to elect their top candidate as one of our five councilmembers? That would happen with choice voting.

Districts are not the answer to problems with our voting system. In my opinion, districts cannot be drawn fairly and would be subject to future litigation, as some of our minorities would be spread across the districts and thus have their vote diluted.

Furthermore, districts would allow a candidate to be elected by as little as 10.1 percent of the voters in a 2-candidate race and 6.7 percent in a 3-candidate race.

Vote splitting in districts could even result in the least popular candidate winning. Choice voting, on the other hand, requires higher voter support – at least 16.6 percent to win one of our five seats – and it solves the problem of vote splitting.

Choice voting requires that voters rank the candidates in order of preference; e.g., from 1 to 5. How hard is that? Second graders can do it! You can learn more about choice voting at fairvote.org.

Joan Falcão

## Folk Dance Party Coming on March 20

by Jeri Holloway

March 20 is the spring equinox! What better way to celebrate and break out from the winter blahs than a folk dance party? Come to the Greenbelt Youth Center on Friday, March 20 at 7:30 p.m. to dance to lively music, be with friendly people and have a few snacks.

All of this is available to everyone interested in joining the folk dance group that has been dancing in Greenbelt since 1996 with leader Roland Forbes. Forbes has had experience in folk dance circles in the Washington, D.C., area for many years.

His love of folk dancing is contagious and makes all of the dancers in the group want to become experts. Dances from many countries are taught during the evening’s festivities; perhaps from Greece, Romania, Bulgaria, Israel, England, Germany, France, Italy, Russia, to name a few.

All should wear comfortable shoes. Partners are not necessary. People who enjoy the dance party will have the opportunity to sign up for the dance class spring session.

## How to Repot Orchids

The U.S. Botanic Garden (USBG) will present a free demonstration, “Meet the Expert: Repotting Orchids,” with Clive Atyeo, USBG gardener, on Thursday, March 19 from noon to 2 p.m. Learn the type of potting medium orchids prefer, how large a container they need and at what stage of growth they should be repotted. Note that this is an ongoing, walk-up demonstration; chairs will not be provided. Pre-registration is not required.

## Grin Belt



"Longer days . . . does that mean longer recess?"

## Reel and Meal Offers Documentary “Thirst”

The documentary “Thirst” will be shown at the New Deal Café on Monday, March 16 at 7 p.m. It is sponsored by the Reel and Meal at the New Deal, a monthly film series that explores vital environmental and social justice issues and is sponsored by nine Greenbelt community organizations. There is no charge for the film. At 6:30 an optional vegan buffet will be available for purchase.

As global corporations are rapidly buying up local water supplies, communities lose control of their most precious resource – water. “Thirst” reveals how

water is the catalyst for explosive community resistance to globalization. The film tells the stories of communities in Japan, Bolivia, India and the United States that are facing challenges as water becomes the most valuable commodity of the 21st century.

Sarah Gringold, a researcher for the water program at Food & Water Watch, and Andy Fellows, Chesapeake Regional Director of Clean Water Action, will answer questions and talk about the local water situation after the film.

For more information email [sr.kane@verizon.net](mailto:sr.kane@verizon.net).

## Postal Services Available



Limited postal services are now available in the Municipal Building Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

## OLD GREENBELT THEATRE WEEK OF Mar. 13

### Slumdog Millionaire (R)

Friday

\*5, 7:30, 9:50

Saturday

\*2:30, \*5, 7:30, 9:50

Sunday

\*2:30, \*5, 7:30

Monday-Thursday

\*5, 7:30

\*These shows at \$6.00  
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[www.pandgtheatres.com](http://www.pandgtheatres.com)

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## Corrections

The Empty Bowls article on page one February 26 gave an incorrect email address for Greenbelt Pottery Group president Mary Gawlik. The correct address is [megawlik04@comcast.net](mailto:megawlik04@comcast.net).

The name of Che Sayles, president of the Greenbelt West Residents Association, was misspelled in the article on city expenditures on the voting rights issue in last week's News Review. Our apologies.

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# Community Events

## GHI Notes

Scheduled Meetings:  
Thursday, March 12, 7:30 p.m.,  
Board Meeting – Board Room  
Saturday, March 14, 11 a.m.,  
Pre-purchase Orientation – Board Room  
Monday, March 16, 7 p.m.,  
Communication Committee Meeting – GHI Lobby  
Wednesday, March 18, 6:45 p.m.,  
Investment Committee Meeting – Board Room  
7 p.m., Woodlands Committee Meeting – GHI Lobby  
7:30 p.m., Finance Committee Meeting – Board Room  
Friday, March 20 – GHI Offices Closed  
Committee and board meetings are open; members are encouraged to attend.

## At the Library

Storytimes

A librarian will read age-appropriate stories.  
Tuesday, March 17, 10:30 a.m.,  
Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months old with caregiver, limit 15 babies.  
Wednesday, March 18, 10:30 and 11 a.m.,  
Toddler time for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver, limit 15 children for each group.  
Thursday, March 19, 10:30 a.m.,  
Drop-in Storytime for ages 3 to 5 years, limit 20 children.  
Caregivers are asked to pick up a free ticket at the Children's Desk.

**Adult Book Discussion**  
Wednesday, March 18, 7 p.m.,  
Michael Chabon's "The Yiddish Policemen's Union."

## Seniors Needed For Softball Team

The Greenbelt team of the Baltimore Beltway Senior Softball League is recruiting new players for the upcoming season. Until the weather permits practice outdoors, workouts are being held in the gym at the Greenbelt Youth Center on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9 to 11 a.m.  
The 42-game season starts April 20 and ends August 17, followed by playoffs from August 19 to 31. To play in this league, men must be at least 60 years old by December 31 and women must be at least 55. For further details call manager Ray Reed at 301-352-2765.

## Greenbriar Phase III Holds Annual Meeting

Greenbriar Phase III will hold its annual meeting on Tuesday, March 17 at 7 p.m. Homeowners are encouraged to attend. At least 25 percent of homeowners must be represented in person or by proxy in order for the meeting to take place.

## Astronomical Star Party this Saturday

On Saturday, March 14 Astronomical Society members will hold a star party at Northway Field. Members of the society will begin to set up to view the moon and other celestial objects at approximately 7:30 p.m. In the event of rain or hopelessly cloudy skies the event will be cancelled without notice.  
Visit [www.greenbelters.org/events\\_shtml](http://www.greenbelters.org/events_shtml).



## 12th Annual Senior Ice Cream Social

The Greenbelt Recreation Department's Senior Center will host its 12th annual Ice Cream Social for seniors on Friday, March 20. This free program will begin at 1 p.m. in the Community Center gym where Glen Harris (bass) and Brent Hardesty (keyboard) will perform music from the 1930s to the 1970s.  
Participants will be able to socialize, relax and be entertained with these memorable tunes. After the performance attendees will make their own ice cream sundae. All seniors are invited to attend the social.  
For information call the Community Center at 301-397-2208.

## Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition "Food and Friendship" program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals need to be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead so that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215.  
All meals include bread and margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for March 16 through 20 include:  
Monday – Cranapple juice, stuffed peppers with tomato sauce, corn O'Brien, green beans, applesauce.  
Tuesday – Split pea soup, cold corned beef, steamed cabbage, seasoned carrots, whole boiled potatoes, carrot cake and vanilla ice cream (St. Patrick's Day premium meal).  
Wednesday – Grape juice, turkey cutlet with gravy, cornbread stuffing, broccoli, green jello with fruit.  
Thursday – Orange juice, roast beef with gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, baked apple.  
Friday – Creamy broccoli soup, seafood pasta salad, sliced beets with onions, garden salad, strawberry parfait.



## Greenbriar's Phase I Meets, Elects Officers

Greenbriar Phase I held its annual meeting on March 3. A quorum of 37.85 percent of homeowners participated in person or by proxy. Bunny Fitzgerald, Jane Morgan and Jeanette Gordy were inspectors of the election to count ballots. LaVerne Smith and Miriam (Missy) Dodd were elected to three-year terms each. The board elected the following officers: LaVerne Smith, president; Rhonda Furmanski, vice president; Miriam (Missy) Dodd, secretary; Emmett Jordan, treasurer; and Lawrence Noda, director.  
Maryland State Delegate Justin Ross, the guest speaker, talked about economic issues and the Greenbelt community.  
Special recognition was given to Dorothy (Didi) Peck for her 15 years of service on the Phase I Board of Directors. She has helped lead the community as a board member since 1993.  
The next board meeting will be on Tuesday, April 14 at 7:30 p.m. at 7600 Hanover Parkway.

## American Legion Post Upcoming Meetings

There will be a membership meeting of the Sons of the American Legion Squadron 136 on Tuesday, March 17 at 7 p.m.  
The Greenbelt Post #136 general membership meeting will be held on Thursday, March 19 starting at 7 p.m. All veterans and members are welcome. The Ladies Auxiliary Unit 136 meeting is also held on Thursday, March 19 at 7 p.m. A free meal for members starts prior to the meetings at 6:15 p.m.  
Greenbelt Legion Post 136 is located at 6900 Greenbelt Road. For information visit the website at [www.greenbeltmdpost136.org](http://www.greenbeltmdpost136.org) or call 301 345-0136.

## Rotary Collects Food for Needy

The Greenbelt Rotary Club is collecting food in its March Against Hunger campaign. Canned and boxed food will be distributed to local charities. Donations may be left at the office of Greenbelt dentist Dennis R. Hatfield Monday through Thursday or donors can call 301-441-9499 to arrange for pickup. Dr. Hatfield's office is at 7525 Greenway Center Drive, Suite 107.

## Greenbriar/Glen Oaks Have Clothing Drive

Greenbriar and Glen Oaks residents are holding their annual clothing drive during the entire month of March. To donate new and like-new clothes bring them to the management office, 7600 Hanover Parkway, #101. Items will be donated to the Mission of Love.  
Last year's contribution was 700 articles of clothing. The goal is to top that amount this year.

## New Services to Be Added by GIVES

GIVES (Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service) is adding a timely new service to its list of available aid. Members with technological expertise will install the converter boxes needed to prepare television sets for the digital switch-over. Members of GIVES may call the office at 301-507-6580 to request this service.  
Those who are not members of GIVES can call for a membership form to be mailed to them or come into the office at the Community Center and fill out the simple form. New members are always welcome.  
GIVES is also considering offering short term babysitting for an hour or two during the day. Those interested in using this service and members willing to provide the service are requested to send an email to [elimook@verizon.net](mailto:elimook@verizon.net).

## Greenbelt Greens To Meet March 19

Greenbelt Greens will hold their monthly meeting on Thursday, March 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Meeting Room inside the Greenbelt Police Station building at 550 Crescent Road (corner of Ridge and Crescent Roads).  
The meeting is open to all and will include discussion of the 2008 elections in light of the green values of nonviolence, democracy, social justice and environmental wisdom, as well as green participation in future elections for all levels of public office in Maryland.  
Green literature will be available. Refreshments will be served. For further information call Mark at 301-441-3298 or Bob at 202-722-4303.

## Holy Cross Thrift Store

Every Thursday 10 – 4 p.m.

Good, clean clothes for women, men and children!  
Shoes, jewelry, books, etc.

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**Adults/Seniors: \$6.50**  
**Children: \$6.00**

**ALL SHOWS BEFORE NOON ON SATURDAY \$5.00**

**ALL SHOWS AFTER 5 p.m.**  
Adults: \$8.50  
Students/Military: \$7.50  
Children: \$6.00  
Seniors: \$6.50

R = ID Required

(!) = No pass, (!!) No pass weekend

## Week of Mar. 13

**FRI. - SAT.**  
**Paul Blart Mall Cop, PG**  
11, 1, 3:10  
**Watchmen, R (!!)**  
11:15, 2:40, 5:40, 6:05, 9:10, 9:30  
**Tyler Perry's Madea Goes to Jail, PG-13**  
11:30, 11:50, 2, 2:20, 4:25, 4:45, 6:50, 9:40  
**Race to Witch Mountain, PG (I)**  
11:30, 2, 4:25, 6:50, 9:40  
**Last House on the Left, R (I)**  
11:15, 1:50, 4:30, 7:15, 9:50  
**Miss March, R (I)**  
11, 1, 3:10, 5:20, 7:30, 9:45  
**Street Fighter: The Legend of Chun Li, PG**  
7:30, 9:45  
**Taken, PG-13**  
11, 1:10, 3:20, 5:30, 7:40, 10:10

**SUN.**  
**Paul Blart Mall Cop, PG**  
11, 1, 3:10  
**Watchmen, R (!!)**  
11:15, 2:40, 5:40, 6:05  
**Tyler Perry's Madea Goes to Jail, PG-13**  
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**Street Fighter: The Legend of Chun Li, PG**  
7:30  
**Taken, PG-13**  
11, 1:10, 3:20, 5:30, 7:40

**MON. - THUR.**  
(All shows \$5 on Tuesdays except Paul Blart)  
**Paul Blart Mall Cop, PG**  
1, 3:20  
**Watchmen, R**  
1, 5:25, 5:50  
**Tyler Perry's Madea Goes to Jail, PG-13**  
12:50, 1:10, 3:10, 4:30, 7  
**Race to Witch Mountain, PG (I)**  
1:20, 4:30, 7  
**Last House on the Left, R (I)**  
1:20, 4:30, 7  
**Miss March, R (I)**  
1, 3:20, 5:35, 7:30  
**Street Fighter: The Legend of Chun Li, PG**  
5:30, 7:30  
**Taken, PG-13**  
1, 3:20, 5:35, 7:30

More Community Events can be found on  
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## Family Art Workshop "Project: Be Journey"

Saturday, March 14, 2:00-4:00 PM  
New Deal Cafe



Tom Baker will lead a free workshop to create visual/word collages. Everyone welcome! See article for details.

Sponsored by Friends of New Deal Cafe Arts (FONDCA) with a grant from the Greenbelt Community Foundation

## Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club 2009 Soccer Registration:

Tuesdays and Thursdays in March  
6:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Greenbelt Youth Center  
99 Centerway Drive  
Greenbelt, MD 20770

For more information, please call 301-794-0100 (press 7) or visit us at [www.greenbeltbgc.com](http://www.greenbeltbgc.com)





# Obituaries

## Brandon Dwyer

Brandon Dwyer, son of Amethyst Dwyer and Dorian Winterfeld from 36 J Ridge Rd., died on February 28, 2009, at the age of 22.

He is survived by his parents; his grandparents, Mic and Ann Dwyer; his girlfriend, Jordan Seifrig; his uncles and aunts – Marc and Andrea Dwyer, Ron and Ruth Dwyer, Darwin and Martha Dwyer and Dean and Nadine Dwyer; his godparents Denise Urban and Travis Waack; his many cousins and his endless bounty of friends.

Brandon had an open heart and mind, a ready smile, a quick wit and wonderful sense of humor, a willingness to help those in need and a passion for existence that led him to make many friends throughout his brief but fully lived life.

A celebratory memorial service will be held to honor him on Sunday, March 15 at 4 p.m. at Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church, 3215 Powder Mill Road in Adelphi. People are asked to share their memories, funny stories and love for him. Music and a vegetarian potluck will follow.

## New Deal Café Music Offerings

On Friday, March 13 from 6:30 to 8 p.m., John Guernsey will be at the New Deal Café playing jazz and blues on the piano. From 8 to 11 p.m., The Gliders perform on strings. Saturday, March 14 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Bruce Kritt will play classical guitar. From 2 to 4 p.m. Greenbelt artist Tom Baker will lead a free hands-on art workshop for the community. From 4 to 6 p.m. come to the Café to hear the jazz vocal showcase with Pete Reppert. From 6:30 to 8 p.m. John Guernsey plays piano and from 8 to 11 p.m. Rio Garage will perform mellow bossa nova jazz.

**Sunday**  
On Sunday, March 15 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Jim Stimson performs traditional music on the lute. The popular Kids' Open Microphone session will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. From 5 to 8 p.m. the Jelly Roll Mortals will play roots rock.

**St. Paddy's Day**  
On Tuesday, March 17 from 8 to 11 p.m. celebrate St. Patrick's Day with "The Greentop Ramblers." On Wednesday, March 18 from 7 to 9 p.m. Second Wind Bandits play mellow rock, blues and folk, coffee house style. Thursday, March 19 from 7 to 9 p.m. is an open microphone session with Joe Pretty of "play with me."

For more information about all events visit the café website at [www.newdealcafe.com](http://www.newdealcafe.com) or call 301-474-5642.



PHOTO BY ANNE GARDNER

Julia Sharapi, Ashley Adams, Elizabeth Gardner and Kathryn Turnbull sing at the February 15th Kid's Open Microphone session at the New Deal Café.

## Free Art Workshop At Café Saturday

On Saturday, March 14 from 2 to 4 p.m., Tom Baker will lead a free community arts workshop at the New Deal Café in Roosevelt Center. This hands-on event is appropriate for children 6 years and older; children under 12 should be accompanied by an adult.

Art produced in the workshop will be incorporated into Baker's exhibit currently at the Café. A reception for the exhibit is planned for Sunday evening, April 5.


This project is sponsored by the Friends of New Deal Café

## Open Microphone For Kids at Café

There will be a Kids' Open Microphone session at the New Deal Café on Sunday, March 15 from 1 to 3 p.m. Children age 17 and under are encouraged to perform for up to five minutes, playing a musical instrument, singing, dancing, reciting a poem, etc.

For more information call Anne Gardner at 301-220-1721 or email [annegrndnr@yahoo.com](mailto:annegrndnr@yahoo.com).

Arts with a supporting grant from the Greenbelt Community Foundation. (See ad on page 3.)

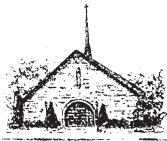


“Love is the light that guideth in darkness, the living link that uniteth God with man, that assureth the progress of every illumined soul.”

*Abdu'l Baha*

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301-474-4322



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Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.  
Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.  
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Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe  
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10 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770  
Rabbi Jonathan Cohen Cantor Phil Greenfield

Friday evening services 8:00 PM except first Friday of the month, when children's service begins at 7:30 PM

Saturday morning services - 9:30 AM  
Children's Education, Adult Education, Social Action, etc.


For further information call 301 474-4223 [www.mishkantorah.org](http://www.mishkantorah.org)  
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Rev. Fay Lundin, Pastor



Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service 10:00am  
Prayer Meeting Sun. 9:45 am




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<b>Sundays:</b>	8:00 am	Simple, quiet Mass
	9:00 am	Christian education for all ages
	10:00 am	Sung Mass with organ and folk music, ASL interpreted
	1:30 pm	Signed Mass (last Sunday of each month only)
<b>Wednesdays:</b>	7:00 pm	Simple, quiet Mass

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Sunday	11:00 am	Worship Service
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Prayer Meeting/Bible Study

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10:15 a.m.  
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Sundays 10 A.M.  
Municipal Building





Condolences to the family and friends of longtime Greenbelter Pat Parker of Research Road, who died March 4, 2009.

Our sympathy to the parents and friends of Brandon Dwyer, who died on February 28, 2009.

**Congratulations to:**

– The Greenbelt Elementary School Destination Imagination Team, the Cyphers, who placed second in last Saturday’s regional competition and will advance to the state level competition to be held in April.

– ERHS student Erin Bailey, whose artwork is among 24 county students’ works displayed in the Emerging Student Artists exhibit in Annapolis through the end of the legislative session. The exhibit is open to the public from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Legislative Services Building, 90 State Circle through April 19.

A warm welcome to little Athena Marie Bender, born February 6, 2009, to Chelsea Bransky and Andy Bender, weighing in at 8 lbs., 3 oz. She joins big brother A.J., three years old. The children are fourth-generation Greenbelters. Their grandmother is Carla (Bransky) Paolucci, great-grandparents Mary and Jim McGraw and great-great grandmother Lorraine Moroney.

Happy 90th birthday to former Outstanding Citizen Mary Linstrom. We loved the charming photo and tribute placed by her children in last Sunday’s Washington Post.

Emory Harman would welcome calls and visits from his Greenbelt friends at his new residence, Necitas Assisted Living Home, 13833 Overton Lane, in Silver Spring. The location is near the intersection of New Hampshire Avenue and Randolph Road. Please call 202-413-2209 before visiting.

Send us your reports of new babies, awards, honors, etc. to share with our readers. We’d especially like to hear more from our neighbors in Greenbelt East and Greenbelt West (Springhill Lake/Empirian Village.) To send information for “Our Neighbors” email us at [newsreview@greenbelt.com](mailto:newsreview@greenbelt.com) or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

– Kathleen McFarland

### State Senatorial Scholarships Open

For those who live in the 22nd legislative district (Greenbelt, Berwyn Heights, Edmonston, Hyattsville, Lanham, New Carrollton, Riverdale, Riverdale Park, University Park or Woodlawn) who expect to attend a Maryland college or university next year, there is financial assistance to help with tuition. Students can apply to Senator Paul Pinsky’s scholarship committee for a Senatorial Scholarship. These scholarships usually range from \$400 to \$2,000 for each of four years.

Applications are available by calling Pinsky’s office at 301-858-3155, visiting the website at [www.senatorpinsky.org](http://www.senatorpinsky.org) to download instructions and an application or checking with the student’s school guidance office. Applications are due by April 9. Senator Pinsky’s scholarship committee is made up of citizen volunteers from the 22nd legislative district who will select the scholarship winners.



PHOTO BY MARJORIE GRAY

A very happy 80th birthday to Louise Craig of Lakeside, memorialized in a huge banner in front of her home last weekend.

Join in our celebration of  
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*50-plus years*  
*as editor and reporter for the*  
*Greenbelt News Review*

Lunch at Sir Walter Raleigh  
Friday, March 20, noon  
Tickets – \$25

Call 301-486-1779  
RSVP by Tuesday, March 17



# City Information

### MEETINGS FOR MARCH 9-13

Monday, March 16 at 7:30pm, ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY (GreenACES), at the Community Center Room 114.

Wednesday, March 18 & 25 at 7:30pm, PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD at the Community Center.

*This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call the number listed below, or contact the City Clerk at 301-474-8000 or [cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov).*

### VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

#### Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups.

Vacancies exist on the:  
Green Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Youth Advisory Committee, Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Arts Advisory Board, Advisory Planning Board, Advisory Committee on Education  
For more info call 301-474-8000.

### Greenbelt Community Forum LANDSCAPING WITH WATER QUALITY IN MIND

Saturday, March 14 at 1:00pm  
Greenbelt Community Center

- What’s in the water?
- Keeping our streams and lakes healthy
- What you can do at home and in your yard
- Pick up a pack of free seeds for your garden

**Questions? Call 301-474-8004**  
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### GREENBELT ANIMAL SHELTER

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**Dupont:** Senior tabby male cat. Laid back and friendly.



For more information on any of the other wonderful animals at the Greenbelt Animal Shelter, call 301.474.6124.

### MARYLAND TAX RETURN

If you live within the corporate boundaries of the City of Greenbelt, make sure to write or enter “Greenbelt” on your Maryland State Tax form under “City, town or taxing area” so that your taxes can best serve your community!

### CITY JOB OPENING PARK RANGER I

The City of Greenbelt – Recreation Department will be accepting applications for the position of Park Ranger I. This is a part-time, seasonal position. Duties include patrolling city parks, special assignments from the Director of Recreation, and occasionally leading programs for the public.

**Minimum Qualifications:** High school diploma or GED, college attendance desirable, some experience in park management, park maintenance management, park administration, recreation, natural sciences, public relations or related subjects; or an equivalent combination of education and experience.

\$8.50 per hour

Applications can be downloaded at [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov).

Applications should be returned to:

City of Greenbelt: Attn: Personnel, 25 Crescent, Road,  
Greenbelt, MD 20770

### BASIC VEGAN CUISINE Tuesdays 7:00pm-9:00pm (3/24 - 5/12) Ages 15-Adult Resident: \$100, Non Resident: \$125

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Greenbelt Community Center: 301-397-2208

### GREENBELT CONNECTION BUS SERVICE Wheelchair Accessible

Hours of Operation: Monday-Friday 8:00am-3:30pm

Sunday: 9:00am-3:30pm

To arrange a ride call 301-474-4100

Seniors and Citizens with Disabilities: \$1 each way

Children (6-18 years): \$1 each way

All Other Citizens: \$1.75 each way

### DONATION DROP-OFF American Rescue Workers

Saturday, March 14th, from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon.

Parking lot between City Office and  
the Community Center

Info: City of Greenbelt Recycling Office at  
301-474-8308.

**GREENBELT MUNICIPAL /PUBLIC ACCESS  
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**MUNICIPAL ACCESS:** 301-474-8000: Tuesday and Thursday, March 17 & 19: 6pm “Ask the Expert,” 7:00pm: “Co-op Cooking Show,” 7:30pm: “Labor Day Parade”  
**PUBLIC ACCESS (GATE):** 301-507-6581: Wednesday and Friday, March 18 & 20: 7pm: Dr. Faustus, 9:15pm “Alexandria Kleztet”



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interviewed by a panel of roughly 35 people, one of whom was current Mishkan Torah President Linda Spevack.

Says Spevack, "He shines when he teaches." Cohen's sermons, while relative to a particular Torah reading, are opened to the congregation for discussion. Cohen also likes to visit with the children during their services.

Spevack adds that Cohen is one of the most intellectually honest people she's ever met, which seems to be a collective feeling from those who know him. Spevack also notes that Mishkan Torah is a family-oriented congregation and that Cohen adds to the dynamic. "If you need him, he's there. It doesn't matter what time or where."

Greenbelt Match

"Greenbelt was a good match," says Cohen. "There is something about Greenbelt that is intensely Greenbelt and the whole town has a sense of place and of what it is that makes Greenbelt different."

Cohen's wife, Mona, an epidemiologist on faculty at the University of Maryland, echoes this thought. She says, "We love Greenbelt and we love this congregation." The family, which includes 14-year-old son Reuben, clearly have made their place in the community.

Cohen is a member of the Greenbelt Inter-faith Leadership Association (GILA) which Cohen says is "one of the wonderful things about Greenbelt." Translated into Hebrew, gila means joy, and while the members of GILA do share joyous times, they also share each other's, their respective congregation's and their religious organization's times of sorrow.

GILA mobilized immediately after the events of September 11, 2001, holding a candlelight vigil the very next night. Fellow GILA member Pastor Dan Hamlin of the Greenbelt Community Church (GCC), who spoke at Saturday's dinner, told how Cohen came to the vigil carrying an American flag (although at the time Cohen was still a citizen of Canada).

Hamlin recalls seeing Cohen speaking to Muslim leaders later that night and sharing experiences with them as members of faiths that continually suffer religious persecution.

Ceremony

Saturday's ceremony began with the traditional Havdallah, the ceremony to separate the Sabbath from the rest of the week. Members of the congregation, who had been working for days to prepare the dinner, served it. "The people here are wonderful," says Alice Strausser, one of the many volunteer caterers. "They came out, they filled in and that's why we do it."

Following performances of the American, Canadian and Israeli National Anthems, presented by The Puck Stops Here Chorale, a subset of Mishkan Torah's choir, Cantor Greenfield commenced what easily might have been described as "a roast of Rabbi Cohen." With references to the Montreal Canadians hockey team and Cohen's "legendary singing voice," Greenfield was an entertaining and candid emcee. He poked fun at Cohen while at the same time conveying the general consensus: this is a strongly ethical man.

In other musical interludes, Carolyn Sonnen on flute and Mike Menne on piano played two Bach sonatas. Once again, The Puck



The people at the table are, clockwise: Zachary Bernheisel, Reuben Cohen, Mona Cohen, Jonathan Cohen, Dan Hamlin and Carolyn Sonnen.

Stops Here took the stage and did a Yiddish folk tune and then their own comedic rendition of This Land Is Your Land with added lyrics, "this shul's the place for you and me."

Presentations by the Chesapeake Jewish Reconstructionists, International Jewish Reconstructionist Federation and Jews United for Justice presented awards to Cohen, as did Michael Herman, County Executive Jack Johnson's chief-of-staff who is also a member of the Mishkan Torah congregation. Greenbelt City Council Mayor Pro Tem Rodney Roberts and Councilmember Leta Mach, presented Cohen with a letter memorializing Cohen's significance to the city.

Roberts told the audience that the first time he met Cohen was 10 years ago when he was campaigning door-to-door; Cohen told Roberts he couldn't vote for him because he was not yet an American citizen.

Cohen Roasted

Cohen was roasted further by The Negotiation, a skit performed by David and Evelyn Herschler portraying Cohen and Spevack in a spoof of Cohen's recent contract renewal negotiation. The Herschlers used rhymes and a lot of humor to poke fun at the conversation between the Rabbi and the president on what easily could have been a touchy subject.

"A pastor, a priest and a rabbi walked into a bar..." began GCC Pastor Hamlin as he approached the podium. Though commonly known as the lead-in to many jokes, what Hamlin then informed the attendees was that it was "a pastor, a priest and a rabbi" who, in 1939, formed the Permanent Conference on Religious Life in Greenbelt. This entity became the Greenbelt Clergy Association in 1975. Today it exists as GILA.

Hamlin spoke of how he has "never had a conversation with Jonathan where [he] hasn't learned something." He said that the connection between GCC and Mishkan Torah has deep roots: members of the GCC congregation helped build Mishkan Torah; the lectern in the GCC sanctuary was a gift given by Mishkan Torah in 1951. Solid relationships between the various congregations in Greenbelt and their respective leaders is proof of how the religious life in Greenbelt is, indeed, permanent, he said.

"Mentsch"

President Spevack rounded out the list of speakers paying homage to Cohen by presenting him with the Yivo Encyclopedia of Jews in Eastern Europe. Having polled other members before preparing her words, Spevack spoke

on behalf of everyone when she said that, "if the word 'mentsch' [loosely translated from Yiddish for a highly upstanding and ethical person] was in the dictionary, a picture of Jonathan Cohen would be next to it."

When it was his turn Cohen thanked everyone for their part in the night's events from the speakers to the caterers to the person who made the program to the entire committee that planned the gala. He thanked his congregation for the opportunity it had given him to "guide from within." The gratitude and pride were evident, not only with Cohen but also with his wife and son.

Everyone who comes in contact with Rabbi Jonathan Cohen seems to like, admire and respect him and he has many interests outside his faith. Although no one speaks too highly of his singing voice (himself included), his photography has appeared in the News Review and the Labor Day Photo Show. Cohen also has a page on Flickr.com, a photo-sharing website that is open to the public.

In fact, he says he would like to travel with his camera but there are no concrete plans in place and there is a reason for this: "Life is what happens when you're busy making other plans." John Lennon gets credit for the quote but Rabbi Jonathan Cohen gets admiration and respect for living it.

Meals on Wheels Accepts New Clients

Meals on Wheels of College Park is now accepting new customers. Meals are delivered to customer doors Monday through Friday between 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. To enroll or to get answers to any questions call Meals on Wheels at 301-474-1002 Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to noon.

For a limited time only, prices have been reduced to \$20 a week. This includes a bread pack (with coffee, tea and other condiments), a sandwich, salad and fruit, milk, juice and a hot meal.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to serve College Park (includes Greenbelt) Beltsville, Adelphi, and Berwyn Heights. Help pack daily meals for seniors and those who cannot cook for themselves. Packers work from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Drivers and runners work from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. People can volunteer weekdays as much or as little as they can. Call 301-474-1002 for more information.

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city office so the matter could be investigated. Davis said signatures to the agreement are still needed from publishers of free printed material.

Economic Stimulus

It seems doubtful that Greenbelt will receive money from the recently passed stimulus package despite having a number of "shovel-ready" projects on record, Davis said. Details are still being finalized but it appears that money for road improvements requires the roads to be federally designated. None of the roads in Greenbelt meet that criterion.

Still, Davis said, the governor has said he is trying to spend road money Maryland received from the stimulus for small roads throughout the state, so possibilities may exist for road improvements in the city.

Davis also reported that Congressman Steny Hoyer has announced a \$950,000 grant for upgrades to police computer and radios. The city has also been informed of a state grant of \$137,000 from a water quality project.

McLaughlin said that, due to the current phase of the county's property tax assessment cycle,

Greenbelt should weather the current year's downturn. When property taxes are reassessed starting in Fiscal Year 2011, the city may experience increased budget difficulties if current market conditions persist or worsen.

Other Topics

Though city staff understood that Verizon had contacted the homeowners' associations regarding FiOS installations and services, some associations in Greenbelt East have not been contacted. Others were contacted when Verizon sought permission to enter the property for the purpose of surveying. The process seems to be in very preliminary stages.

Upgrades to three playgrounds in Greenbelt East have been completed. The playground on Ora Glen will be completed this spring and one at Greenwood Village will follow next. Councilmember Leta Mach said Greenwood Village has been asked to look at the plans and a community-built playground along the Kaboom! model has been proposed. Mach noted that when people are involved in this way, they have a greater investment in protecting and maintaining the playground.

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Individual members would need to apply to become part of this buying group and would be required to sign a contract for a certain rate for an entire year. Anderson indicated that Pepco users who currently have a contract for electricity with another utility would have to wait for that contract to expire.

Although interest was high, there were questions. Dorrie Bates, president of the cooperative that runs the Co-op grocery store, commented that this is not truly a co-op. She indicated that Greenbelters know co-ops and this is really a buying club where people group solely to buy energy. Anderson agreed with her statement. Lore Rosenthal, a Greenbelt resident, commented that she knew of an energy buying group that bought only wind energy and she would like GHI management to investigate that option also.

Some residents thought that energy rates might be coming down in the future and they would be locked in for a year. Anderson stated that "yes" the rate is set for a year but, in his experience, now is the time to lock in the rate. He anticipates that rates will increase for the summer, not decrease.

GHI members who want to participate can join at any time. As soon as a set number sign

up, CQI buys an energy contract for that group. The next people fall into the following group, etc. There is a possibility that other Greenbelters could join the group at a later date. The GHI office has more information and the forms to be completed. Those who want more information online can visit [www.cqiassociates.com](http://www.cqiassociates.com).

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Greenbelt Homes, Inc. Marketing Committee is hosting a

## SELLERS' SEMINAR

Tuesday – March 24, 2009  
7:00 p.m.  
GHI Administration Building

If you are thinking about selling your occupancy rights and equity interest, the GHI Marketing Committee will be hosting a Sellers' Seminar on Tuesday, March 24 at 7:00 in the GHI Board Room. The seminar is designed to answer some of the most often asked questions about selling a GHI home. You will be able to ask questions to the Committee about the procedures on selling your unit. To register, contact GHI at (301) 474-4161 ext. 146 or e-mail [klinkenhooker@greenbelthomes.net](mailto:klinkenhooker@greenbelthomes.net).

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Fresh Grade A Idaho Potatoes 5 lb. bag	<b>\$ 2<sup>99</sup></b>	Florida Jumbo Red Grapefruit each	<b>\$ 1<sup>00</sup></b>

Fresh Quality Meats			
Fresh Choice Beef Boneless Chuck Roast	<b>\$ 2<sup>99</sup></b> lb.	Fresh Boneless & Skinless Chicken Breasts	<b>\$ 1<sup>69</sup></b> lb.
Fresh Choice Value Pack Porterhouse or T-Bone Steaks	<b>\$ 4<sup>99</sup></b> lb.	Fresh 80% Lean Ground Beef	<b>\$ 1<sup>69</sup></b> lb.
		Shurfine Corned Beef Brisket	<b>\$ 2<sup>47</sup></b> lb.
		Fresh Natural Pork Boneless Center Cut Pork Roast or Chops	<b>\$ 2<sup>99</sup></b> lb.
		Fresh Lean Natural Whole Boneless Pork Loin 9-10 lb. average	<b>\$ 1<sup>99</sup></b> lb.
		Kunzler Sliced Bacon 1 lb.	<b>BUY ONE GET ONE FREE</b>

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Shurfine Pure Butter Quarters 1 lb.	\$ <b>1<sup>50</sup></b>	Borden American Singles Yellow/White 10-12 oz.	\$ <b>2<sup>69</sup></b>	Banquet Assorted Dinners Select Varieties 5-10 oz.	<b>87¢</b>	Shurfine Classic Ice Cream 64 oz.	\$ <b>1<sup>77</sup></b>	
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Colgate Tooth Paste Select Varieties 6-8 oz.	\$ <b>1<sup>50</sup></b>	Seabest Frozen Sockeye Salmon	\$ <b>5<sup>99</sup></b> <sub>lb.</sub>	<div>Join us for a cooking demonstration with Corporate Chef Bill Scepansky on Wed., March 18th from 11am til 2pm in our fresh produce department.</div> 	Heartland Granola Cereal Assorted 14-16 oz.	\$ <b>2<sup>50</sup></b>	Fresh Store Baked White Bread loaf	\$ <b>1<sup>39</sup></b>
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# Police Blotter

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### Drug Arrests

February 27, 4:47 p.m., 7800 block Walker Drive, a non-resident man was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia. Another nonresident man was arrested for an open warrant with the Prince George's County Sheriff's department. These two men were transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner and for service of the warrant. A third nonresident man was arrested and charged with driving while impaired and driving under the influence; he was released on citation pending trial.

March 1, 12:29 a.m., Beltway Plaza, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana and trespass. He was released on citation pending trial.

### Disorderly Conduct

February 27, 5:23 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Drive, a resident woman was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct. She was released on citation pending trial.

February 27, 11:20 p.m., T.G.I. Friday's Restaurant, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct. He was released on citation pending trial.

March 3, 1:45 a.m., T.G.I. Friday's Restaurant, two non-resident men were arrested and charged with disorderly conduct, failure to obey a lawful order and trespass. Both men were released on citation pending trial.

### Unattended Child

March 1, 5 p.m., Beltway Plaza, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with leaving a child unattended in a motor vehicle.

### Trespass

February 27, 3:37 p.m., Beltway Plaza, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with trespass. He was released on citation pending trial.

### False Statement

February 28, 11:30 a.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Lane, a non-resident man was arrested and charged with false statement, use of fraudulent identity to avoid prosecution, driving while suspended and other traffic charges. He was released on citation pending trial.

### Open Alcohol

March 5, 1:44 p.m., 4 Court Gardenway, a resident man was arrested for having an open container of alcohol and released on citation pending trial.

### Vandalism

February 27, 8:22 a.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace, unknown person(s) spray painted profanities on the bedroom window of a residence.

March 3, 8:37 a.m., 6100 block Springhill Terrace, unknown

person(s) used unknown means to break out the bedroom window of a residence.

March 3, 10:45 a.m., 7800 block Walker Drive, unknown person(s) used spray paint to vandalize an elevator and the stairwell area of a parking garage.

March 3, 2:57 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Court, unknown person(s) used unknown means to break out the bedroom window of a residence.

### Burglaries

February 28, 9:29 a.m., 100 block Greenhill, an attempted burglary was reported.

February 28, 9:36 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Court, an attempted burglary was reported.

March 4, 6:39 p.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane, a burglary was reported but nothing appeared to have been taken.

### Vehicle Crimes

Two vehicles were reported stolen: a white 2003 Saturn Vue truck, Maryland tags 903M399 from the 9100 block Edmonston Court; and a 2000 Acura 4-door from the 7700 block Hanover Parkway. The Acura was recovered by Prince George's County police with no arrest made.

Vandalism to vehicles was reported at 7900 block Mandan Road (broken rear window) and 5800 block Cherrywood Lane (broken side mirror).

Theft from vehicles was reported at 6100 block Breezewood Court (both registration plates), 6000 block Breezewood Drive (sunglasses) and 7200 block Hanover Drive (GPS unit). In addition, a theft from a vehicle was attempted at 5900 block Cherrywood Lane.

### Police to Run DUI Patrols on Mar. 17

The Greenbelt Police Department will have officers conducting DUI saturation patrols on Tuesday, March 17 to combat impaired drivers during St. Patrick's Day. The Maryland Highway Safety Office is providing overtime funding for these officers.

Those who celebrate St. Patrick's Day with alcohol, should designate a driver or call 1-800-200-TAXI for a free ride home. The free ride is sponsored by the Washington Alcohol Regional Alcohol Program and entitles persons over the age of 21 years old to a cab ride up to a \$50 fare from 4 p.m. until 4 a.m. See [www.soberride.com](http://www.soberride.com) for details.

### Foundation Seeking Grant Applications

The Greenbelt Community Foundation spring grant application period is now open. The current deadline for this round is April 15 for funds to be available July 1. For an application send an email to [info@greenbeltfoundation.net](mailto:info@greenbeltfoundation.net).

The Foundation is especially interested in new initiatives and specific projects that will enhance the cultural, artistic, educational, recreational, social or environmental vitality of Greenbelt and can be completed in one year. Unless it is directly related to a specific project, the Foundation will generally not grant funds for organizational on-going operating support.

Organizations that can apply for funding include 501(c)3 non-profit corporations and not-for-profit corporations with cooperative organizations.

The mission of the Foundation is to maintain, improve and enrich the quality of life throughout the city. It promotes cooperative endeavors and projects that celebrate, respect and build upon the legacy and ideals of Greenbelt.

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# Girl Scouts Make a Difference on World Thinking Day

by Pam Goddard

On February 20 ninety Greenbelt Girl Scouts joined together to celebrate World Thinking Day and to raise funds to help stop the spread of contagious diseases that ravage the world. Brownies, Juniors, Cadettes and Seniors from Scout Service Unit 23-5 studied Ghana, England, Tanzania, France, India, Egypt, Venezuela and the United States to share information on scouting in these countries. Scouts researched each country's culture and customs. The scouts also learned about the status of communicable diseases in these countries and what is being done to stop these diseases.

World Thinking Day is a special day celebrated each year by Girl Scouts and Girl Guides to give thanks and support to Girl Scouts everywhere. The World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts is located in England where scouting was founded by Robert Baden-Powell and his sister Agnes. Juliette Gordon Low, a close friend of the Powells, began Girl Scouting in the United States in 1912. In addition to celebrating scouting, each World Thinking Day has a theme for action. This year's theme is to stop the spread of AIDS, malaria and other diseases.

### Combating Malaria

To take action against the spread of disease, the Greenbelt Girl Scouts decided to raise money for Nothing But Nets. Nothing But Nets is a grassroots campaign to save lives by



Greenbelt Girl Scouts pose for a group shot to record their participation in World Thinking Day. The event was designed to raise money to help stop the spread of contagious diseases across the globe. The local troops focused their efforts on malaria with a project entitled "Nothing But Nets."

preventing the spread of malaria. Malaria is mainly spread by mosquito bites and kills more than a million people each year. For \$10, Nothing But Nets buys and distributes a mosquito net that protects an entire family for up to four years. Every single penny donated goes to the purchase of the nets. The Greenbelt Girl Scouts collected change in a large jar. Each girl contributed enough change to equal the size of her fist which is the size of her heart. By evening's end \$350 was raised, enough for 35

mosquito nets.

The girls next participated in a presentation by Greenbelter Kevin Skolnick, who had recently returned from Mozambique where he volunteered with the Peace Corps. The Scouts ended their celebration with an international feast by sharing food from the many countries they had studied. Troops who participated were Brownie Troops 2799, 2871, 2970 and 4128; Junior Troops 1734, 2427 and 5004; Cadette Troops 2307 and 4816; and Senior Troop 127.

Pam Goddard is the leader of Girl Scout Troop 5004.

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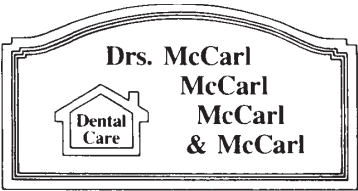


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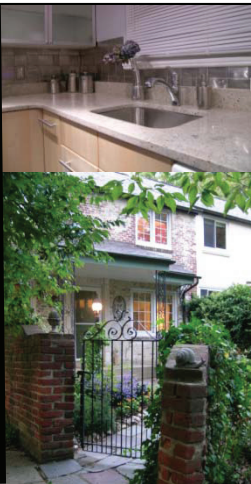
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## March Is National Children’s Dental Health Month



Linda Collie, a registered dental hygienist at the office of Greenbelt dentist Dennis Hatfield, visited the kindergarten class at NASA Goddard Space Flight Center in recognition of National Children’s Dental Health Month. Across the nation children in programs like these were educated about good dental health tools to use every day. This is the second annual visit to the center by Dr. Hatfield’s staff. The children were treated to a story of Dora and her visit to the dentist. Collie then talked to the children about what foods they should be eating for good dental health and demonstrated the proper way to brush.

## HANSEN continued from page 1

Hansen writes science books for children. Her books, “How Things Work” and “Wild Animals,” are sold not only at the Co-op but also at Barnes & Noble, Costco and Amazon.com. Co-op alone sold close to 100 copies of the former work. Hansen says she has been approached numerous times by neighbors and strangers who tell her how much they and their children love the book. Her favorite note is from a friend’s daughter that read: “I really love your book and my dog does too.” Hansen laughed. “I asked [my friend’s daughter] about it and she said she read the book to the dog and the dog just lay there so he must have liked it.” Hansen expects to have two new books out within a year. The first one, “Touch the Earth,” will be released in spring or early summer. It’s a description of the world’s biomes – the deserts, grasslands, forests, etc. – for partially sighted students. The book is recorded and will be sold with tactile maps so the students can actually feel how big the Sahara is. The next, called “Bugs and Bugscicles: Insects in the Winter,” is due out in spring 2010. It is a picture book telling the story of several different types of insects getting ready for winter.

**Research Pleasures**

Other than a general interest in science for kids, not knowing the answer to something sparks Hansen’s desire to write about it. “The research is a kind of treasure hunt – finding really interesting pieces of information,” she says. She recalls asking herself as a child, “Where do bugs go in winter?” When her own kids asked this same question, she decided to find out.

Hansen does not write as often or as much when her sons are out of school. However, she does find creative and educational projects with them. She ran several Take Apart Parties – where kids disassemble electronics and appliances to investigate how the parts all work together.

She coached the children at her church through the writing of a pageant and has directed several original pageants for the church. She goes into schools and does author visits and writing workshops and she has coached a

Destination Imagination Team for the Greenbelt Elementary School this year.

As PTA president at the school, she wrote a grant and received \$5,000 from Lowe’s Hardware for sound-deadening equipment in the cafeteria ceiling. Hansen also worked at building bridges with Greenbelt Middle School (GMS), starting a GES faculty versus GMS faculty basketball game where everyone could relax and have a good evening. “Building a stronger sense of community with the middle school is still one of my goals for GES and Greenbelt in general,” she says, adding that she has been watching carefully the plans for the new GMS building.

Hansen moved to Greenbelt from Takoma Park in the early 1990s and lived in GHI before moving to her current home in Lakeside. She grew up in Wisconsin, though now her parents live in Michigan. She attended Oberlin College in Ohio and landed a job right out of school as a reporter.

She was the only reporter and photographer for a weekly paper similar to the News Review. She also did layout and delivery for this publication – “but not the ads,” she laughs. After burning out on the small paper, she went to graduate school at the University of Michigan, studying natural resources and journalism. She then worked for several science organizations including the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the National Science Foundation.

**Writes for Kids**

Now she writes almost exclusively for kids. “It’s more fun,” she explains. “With adults you have to be calmer. With kids you can show your excitement and get them excited.” She says the Greenbelt Writers Group is a great resource and support for herself as a writer, though she now also belongs to a local professional group called the Children’s Writer’s Guild.

Her advice for would-be writers is fairly basic – “Don’t wait for inspiration, write. It’s an exercise and if you do it frequently, you’ll get better.” As her website states she loves to explore the science of everyday life and to get

kids excited about exploring. She is an exciting person and, whether she realizes it or not, she is also an inspiring person.

To learn more about Amy Hansen’s writing, see her website at [www.amyshansen.com](http://www.amyshansen.com).

*This month, in celebration of National Women’s History Month, the News Review is publishing a series of four interviews to honor Greenbelt women of outstanding achievement.*

## GES Cyphers Advance To State Competition

Greenbelt Elementary School’s Destination Imagination Team, the Cyphers, placed second in the regional competition held on March 7 at Charles Herbert Flowers High School in Springdale and will advance to the state competition on April 18.

Destination Imagination is a problem-solving competition where teams are given a challenge that takes the team three months to complete and an instant challenge that can be done in 10 minutes. This is the first year GES has hosted a team.

The Cyphers chose the challenge that involved building a structure. Their balsa wood construction weighed less than the required 30 grams but held 10 pounds before collapsing.

The team also created a skit that explained why the structure was being tested. The skit plot brings hat salesmen, the Mad Hatters, to ancient Egypt where they want to place a Dr. Seuss hat on top of the pyramid to protect it from the sun’s rays.

– Amy Hansen



Scott Candey and David Gardner are Mad Hatters, Se’Von Anthony is a mummy from the tomb and Dale Godfrey is the Egyptian guard.

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